

Aboriginal Community Based Research

Definition of Aboriginal Community Based Research

Aboriginal Community Based Research is a form of research whereby Aboriginal community collaboration, direction, participation and commitment are essential. The goal is to develop culturally-appropriate and methodologically-sound research, analysis, and dissemination strategies that are beneficial and empowering for the participating communities and other stakeholders in their preparation and implementation of an effective response to HIV/AIDS.

Principles of Community Based Research

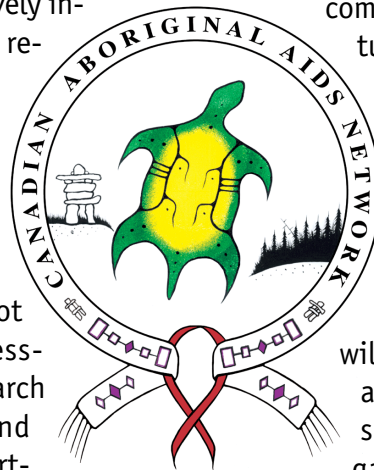
- Aboriginal people living with, affected by and at risk for HIV/AIDS will be actively included in all aspects of research.

- Aboriginal participation will be demonstrated in all stages of the research process including but not limited to, needs assessments, identifying research question, collecting and analysing data, and reporting and applying the results.

- The diversity of all Aboriginal "communities" throughout Canada, when address-

ing HIV/AIDS, is recognized and honoured. This would include communities defined by constitutional status, geographic region, residency, economic status, gender, sexuality, or cultural/spiritual beliefs, values and practices.

- All initiatives will reflect and promote a balance between culturally-respectful, traditional ways of gathering information and sound, ethical research methodology. Initiatives will also emphasize partnership, collaboration, and flexibility.



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Research must meet the following criteria to be considered community based:

Community Involvement

Members of the community should be actively involved in and understand all aspects of the research process, from identifying the research question, collecting and analysing data, to reporting and applying the results.

Community Relevance

Community based research must provide information that is directly useful to the community in which it takes place.

Equity in Partnership

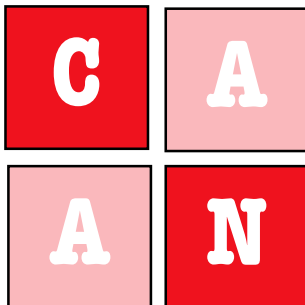
Although roles and responsibilities vary, all partners should have an equal voice in determining how each aspect of the research project will be accomplished.

Methodological Rigour

Community based research activities must adhere to scientifically accepted research standards.

Ethical Review

Community based research initiatives must meet ethical guidelines to ensure research participants are not harmed by any aspect of the research process.



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